(c) Yes Sir. Only those professionals who have worked in the USA for more than 10 years are permitted to repatriate their pension and social security contributions.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the US Government from time to time. However, no favourable response has been received so far.

Dumping of electronic and other waste in India by developed countries

2967. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that developed countries are using India as dumping ground for their electronic and other garbages; if so, the details of such items dumped in India in last two years;

(b) whether Government has made any study of the impact of such waste product on the environment; if so. details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import items, 2004—2009 lays down that imports of hazardous waste into India shall be subject to the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003.

Electronic and other waste is included under List A and List B of Schedule-3 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended from time to time. The import of this waste, therefore, requires specific permission of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. No such permission has been given by the Ministry till date.

Call for ending farmers subsidies by developed countries

2968. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his address to the G-20 meeting held recently the Minister

of Commerce and Industry called for an end to the trade subsidies provided by the developed countries to their farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the other members in G-20 meeting to the proposal; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to carry the proposal to its logical conclusion and put pressure on the developed countries to remove the distortions against the farmers of the developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the G-20 Ministerial Meeting held in New Delhi on 18-19 March, 2005, India and other G-20 Ministers have together stressed that export subsidies must be eliminated and all forms of trade-distorting support provided by developed countries to their agriculture sector must be substantially reduced consistent with the mandate to negotiate agreed at the Doha Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in November, 2001 and the Framework Agreement of July, 2004.

(d) India has been making all efforts in the negotiations to ensure that the outcome of the negotiations is consistent with its objectives, including by building coalitions with other Members of the WTO holding similar interests and concerns.

Industries set up in NER

2969. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of industries set up in the States of North Eastern Region (NER) as compared to other States of the country;

(b) the total number of industries set up in the North Eastern Region during the last three years under liberalization policy, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Under the liberalized Industrial Policy, investment in the industrial sector depends upon the